The ISA Theory Section continues to grow. Our most recent database figures show 590 members—an approximately 9% increase from the end of 2013. Our budgetary position also remains healthy. As of November 2014 the Theory account stood at $4,950.37. After deducting the section’s share of the International Ethics/Theory Reception for the 2015 ISA Annual Conference, Theory should have a surplus of at least $3,210. This continued upward trend reflects increasing membership, the generous support of external sponsors for the reception, and a fiscally conservative posture by the executive committee.

2014-2015 represents the final year of the two-year terms of the current executive committee: Daniel H. Nexon (President), Annette Freyberg-Inan (Vice-President), Shannon K. Brincat (Treasurer), and Lauren Wilcox (Secretary and Communications Officer). Theory will hold elections for new officers in early 2015. To that end, we currently seek nominations for a new Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary/Communications Officer. Email nominations for each of the positions can be made to Lauren Wilcox at lw487@cam.ac.uk.

The main ISA Theory website is live at [http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Sections/THEORY](http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Sections/THEORY). We continue to host most resources at an external site, [http://www.whiteoliphaunt.com/duckofminerva/isa-theorysection](http://www.whiteoliphaunt.com/duckofminerva/isa-theorysection). For news related to the International Theory section and its substantive concerns, all are welcome to join our Google Group [located at https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/isatheory](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/isatheory) and follow us on Twitter at @TheorySectISA.

The Theory section will make its second awards at the 2015 ISA. Both of the 2014 paper awards—for scholars with and without PhDs—as well as the 2014 book award, will be announced prior to the 2015 conference. Theory will present these awards at its business meeting, which will be held at 12:30pm on 20 February in Grand Salon 4, Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

The recipients for the 2013 “best book award” were undecided at the time of our prior report. Patrick Thaddeus Jackson won for *The Conduct of Inquiry in International Relations: Philosophy of Science and Its Implications for the Study of World Politics* (Routledge, 2010). Daniel Levine received an honorable mention for *Recovering International Relations: The Promise of Sustainable Critique* (Oxford University Press, 2012). Thanks to Mark Laffey and Nukhet Sandal for their hard work on this committee, which was chaired by Daniel Nexon.

For the 2015 Annual Convention, Theory was listed as the primary section for 112 paper, seventeen panel, and eight roundtable submissions. This constitutes a slight increase from the year before in first-priority paper and panel submissions, as well as a constant rate of first-priority roundtable submissions. The section also received 156 paper, 36 panel, and twelve roundtable submissions as “second choice.” This represents a very slight decline in secondary paper submissions, a strong increase in secondary panel submission, and also an increase in secondary roundtable submissions. Overall, interest in submitting conference proposals to Theory continues to increase.

Annette Freyberg-Inan, who took responsibility for the program, reports that:

> The Theory Section was allocated 30 panels for ISA 2015 New Orleans, which was ten more than the year before, so we benefitted from a substantial increase in our quota. The section program chair sponsored 60 panels, including twelve roundtables, which was mainly achieved through co-sponsorship (including three-way co-sponsoring) of 46 panels and roundtables with other ISA sections. As a result, our acceptance rate was quite high. 62% of the papers submitted to us in either the first or the second round made it onto the program (either via us or via another section); 92% of the panels and roundtables submitted to us in either the first or the second round made it onto the program (again either via us or via another section).
At the 2015 Annual Conference, Theory will honor its second distinguished scholar, Raymond D Duvall, at a panel scheduled at 4.00pm on 20 February 2015 in the Jasper Room, Hilton New Orleans Riverside. Please join us for this event, as well as our business meeting and at our joint reception with International Ethics. The last will take place at 7.15pm in the Rosedown Room, New Orleans Hilton Riverside, on 20 February 2015.